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FLIGHT SAFETY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force has taken a decision to improve flight safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indian Air Force has also decided to provide commercial flying licences from its training academies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always afoot in Indian Air Force to enhance and upgrade flight safety. Measures to enhance the quality of training to improve the skill levels, ability to exercise sound judgement and situational awareness of pilots are being pursued.

Constant interaction with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) of concerned countries are also maintained to overcome the technical defects of aircraft.

(c) & (d): Indian Air Force has introduced Commercial Pilot License and Flight Navigator License examinations to be conducted by Directorate General of Civil Aviation for trainees (pilots and navigators) during commissioning stage with effect from December, 2002.